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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, April 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19904
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	05/02/16

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Rachel Brandenburg, Professional Member, President
Dr. Meghan Lines, Professional Member, Vice-President
Heather Contant, Public Member, Secretary
Victor Kennedy, Public Member
Dr. Joseph Zingaro, Professional Member
Dr. Kristen Robust, Professional Member
Dr. Rebecca Richmond, Professional Member
Ronise Ball, Public Member
Rachel Dunning, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

There were no members absent.

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II
Rain Marrow, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Paige Schmittinger, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

Jody Williams
James Williams
Gregory Morris

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Brandenburg called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Zingaro, seconded by Dr. Lines, to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2016 meeting as amended. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Consider Recommendation of Chief Hearing Officer – Jody Williams

Both Dr. Zingaro and Dr. Brandenburg recused themselves from the review of the recommendation of Jody Williams. Ms. Singh went over the process for reviewing and considering the Hearing Officer's recommendations and advised due to an oversight on her part, there were a couple documents that were not forwarded to the Board members for review which included Ms. Williams' exceptions to the hearing officer's recommendation, the State's motion to strike the exceptions and Ms. Williams' attorney's response to the motion to strike. Ms. Singh felt that although both attorneys were present, the Board should still be allowed to read these documents. The Board reviewed the said documents.

Both attorneys were able to take a few moments to address the acceptance of the additional documents as they relate to the review and consideration of the hearing officers recommendation. Ms. Singh explained to the Board their rights to accept or to not accept the additional information that is given in Ms. Williams' exceptions along with the transcript of the disciplinary hearing. After further discussion on the acceptance of the documents, a motion was made by Ms. Contant, seconded by Dr. Robust, to accept Ms. Williams' exceptions. The motion was carried by Dr. Lines, Dr. Dr. Richmond, Ms. Ball and Ms. Dunning. Mr. Kennedy opposed.

The Board then had to determine whether the transcripts from the disciplinary hearing were needed for them to make a decision on the Hearing Officer's recommendation. Ms Singh stated that the State is citing a violation to one provision of the Delaware Psychology Act with regards to a psychologist's duty to report and violations to five sections of the ethical code. Ms. Singh also stated the discipline the hearing officer is recommending. Both attorneys were allowed 10 minutes to give their comments with regards to the objections to the striking of the exceptions.

After additional discussion on the acceptance of the Board reviewing the transcripts from the disciplinary hearing, a motion was made by Dr. Lines, seconded by Dr. Robust to continue the deliberation to the May meeting and for the attorneys to arrange to have the transcripts forwarded to the Board for review prior to the May meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. Ms. Singh added that the Board will not be accepting additional comments.

Review of Examination Applications

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Brandenburg, seconded by Dr. Zingaro, to approve the application of Danielle Gissinger to sit for the EPPP examination contingent upon submission of explanation of shortness of full 1year of post-doctoral hours. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Examination Applications – Exam Passed

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Lines, seconded by Ms. Dunning, to table the examination application of Vanessa Bennefield for additional clarifying information. The motion was unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board was in receipt of a letter from an individual trying to abide by the rules and regulations for licensure with regards to hours of post-doctoral supervision. After review the Board was in agreeance that as long as the requirements for licensure are met, they would consider her correspondence in conjunction with the other required documentation.

The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) sent correspondence to all ASPPB members advising them of a skills-based examination that is being designed to augment and compliment the EPPP. Together with the EPPP, the new exam will provide member boards with a comprehensive examination package which will assess a licensure candidate's competency to practice independently. Dr. Zingaro reminded the board that he has been trying to get Alex Seigel, a representative with ASPPB, to come before the Board but the last several months the Board has had rather hefty agendas. He will try to get him to attend the June meeting to discuss the plans for the new exam package as well as a few other topics of interest.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Dr. Brandenburg introduced the new professional board member to the Board, Dr. Rebecca Richmond, who gave a little background on herself.

Ms. Witte introduced her Rain Marrow as her replacement as administrative specialist to the Board and that the transition would take a couple of months.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Zingaro, seconded by Dr. Lines, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Witte

Administrative Specialist II